THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The matter is sub-judice.

Supreme Court decision on Agro Service Centres

3130. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in its judgement dated the 30th November, 1985 in the Agro Service Centres case had categorically said that the problems and the controversy involved in the Agro Service Centres matter can find an appropriate just and satisfactory conclusion if the Central Government addresses itself to the problem; and

(b) if so, what action had been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the directives of the Supreme Court, a scheme for rehabilitation of sick Agro Service Centres was filed in the Supreme Court in May, 1986.

Distribution of imported milk powder

3131. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and Calcutta are getting priority in allotment of imported Milk Powder and Butter Oil by National Dairy Development Board and Bombay and Madras are neglected by it;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) the quantities of milk powder and Butter Oil allotted city/Dairy wise during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 ;

(d) whether Government would ensure equitable distribution of these commodities; and

(e) whether Government would ban all import to save valuable foreign exchange specially since imported milk products are going only to the affluent and milk vendors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Delhi and Calcutta dairies draw their requirement of milk from the adjoining milksheds of neighbouring States and from other places under the National Milk Grid. The gap in the overall supply of fresh milk is being met by using skimmed milk powder and butter oil from National Dairy Development Board's pooled stock. The requirement of milk of Bombay and Madras dairies are being satisfactorily met by the milksheds of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively. The requirement of skimmed milk powder and fat is also met by these States' own milksheds/ dairies.

(c) A Statement indicating the dairy commodities issued to metro and other dairies during 1987-88 and 1988-89 is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 174).

(d) Allotment of commodities is made from NDDB's pooled stock on the basis of priorities such as demand for milk and milk products in the area, the current/expected level of fresh milk procurement, the availability of milk in the operational area of dairy and stock position of commodities with NDDB.

(e) Gift commodities comprising skimmed milk powder and butter